

Hi, Commissioners,
I, for one, greatly enjoy my XM Satellite Radio service. It brings back radio as it used to be, with varied content. It still holds to what used to be called "public service" - it sustains classical music, jazz, opera, blues, and other "noncommercial" types of music. Kind of like public radio stations used to do, before they became full-time liberal talk radio outlets.

I also enjoy the traffic and weather services on XM. XM traffic and weather reports are more detailed comprehensive than my "local" stations provide, and are also commercial-free.

Furthermore, it's kind of a hoot to be able to tune in to traffic reports in cities where I used to live, and fun to gloat about traffic crawling along on the Southwest Freeway (Houston) or Nimitz Highway (San Francisco). Heh.

Please tell the National Association of Local Radio Former Monopolists to buzz off and stop bothering us satellite listeners. There's a new sheriff in town, and his name is The Free Market. If local stations want my ears, they can darned well get to work and EARN them.

Regards,

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